

## Exhibit K



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Criminal Division

*Office of Enforcement Operations*

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

**VIA Electronic Mail**

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Mr. Jonathan Manes  
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Request No. CRM-300680988  
Subject: Law Enforcement Hacking

Dear Mr. Manes:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated, September 10, 2018 seeking records maintained by the Criminal Division concerning the above-mentioned subject. Your request was received in this Office on September 10, 2018. The request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

- ☒ Your request has been received by the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Unit and we are searching the section(s) most likely to maintain responsive records.
- ☒ Because your request presents "unusual circumstances" (See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii)), we are extending the time limit to respond to your request an additional ten days as provided by the statute.
- ☒ We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether the processing of your request will result in any assessable fees.
- ☐ We have not yet made a decision on your request for preferred fee status. We will do so after we determine whether the processing of your request will result in any assessable fees.
- ☒ Your request for expedited treatment has been:
  - ☐ Granted. Accordingly, your request has been assigned to a Government Information Specialist in this Office and we will respond to your request as soon as practicable.

☒ Denied. You have not established that your request fits within any of the four U.S. Department of Justice standards for expedited treatment. If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact me by telephone at (202) 616-0307, by email at [crm.foia@usdoj.gov](mailto:crm.foia@usdoj.gov), or by mail at the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Suite 1127, Keeney Building, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed above for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Marchand Jones".

Amanda Marchand Jones  
Chief  
FOIA/PA Unit